

# ABBA'S FRIDA A SOLO PUNK!

Frida — the brunette of squeaky clean Swedish pop group Abba — has gone punk in a bid to launch a solo career.

Sporting a spiky hairdo and with her new single, *I Know There's Something Goin' On*, due for release in a few weeks, the 37-year-old singer has declared herself bored with the life of wealthy indolence.

"I didn't know what to do with myself after Abba's *Visitors* LP was completed," she says.

"I had a lot of spare time so I talked about it to our manager Stig Anderson and he thought I should do a solo record."

The project also served to take Frida's mind off her romantic problems.

As the world knows, Frida was divorced from Abba husband Benny Andersson two years ago.

Since, she has been linked with muscular 40-year-old Lars "Blom-

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man Blomberg" — the man she hired as her bodyguard and to chauffeur her flashy Ferrari

And now the rock world is wondering whether her sudden enthusiasm for Genesis singer-drummer Phil Collins may be something more than musical respect.

Certainly Frida exudes admiration for Collins, who not only produced her forthcoming album, but also plays drums on every track.

"I have been listening

to Phil's *Face Value* album for the past year and I love it," says Frida.

"I thought he would be the right person for me — and he is."

Certainly Collins inspired Frida to work hard on her solo project.

Their arduous work schedule began at 11am when the musicians arrived at Abba's Stockholm Studios and continued until the wee small hours.

They chose the songs

together, listening to more than 500 tapes before settling on tunes by Stephen Bishop, Jim Rafferty (Gerry's brother), Russ Ballard, Rod Argent, Bryan Ferry and a new band from Birmingham called *Jealous Girl*.

"And, of course," says Frida, "I included a couple of Phil's songs as well."

About the only big names not on Frida's album are those of her old friends Anna, Benny and Bjorn.



## And the joke was on Ross

Actor Ross Higgins — better known as Ted Bullpit — says he used to find scripts for Kingswood Country hilarious.

Then he realised that scriptwriters Tony Battler and Gary Reilly

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